

b. Intra-Conference Transfer.

Each institution, before it permits a student who has transferred directly from another Conference member institution to compete in intercollegiate athletics, shall require the student to fulfill a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters), and shall charge the student with one year of eligibility in all Conference sports. (12/79, 1/92, 8/98, 6/04, 12/14)

(1) Exempted Student-Athletes.

The intra-Conference transfer rule shall not apply to the following student-athletes: (1/91)

- (a) A non-recruited student-athlete who received no athletics financial aid at the first Conference institution, or (1/91)
- (b) A recruited student-athlete (per NCAA 13.02.13.1) who received no institutional financial aid at the first Conference institution. (1/91)

Such an exempted student-athlete shall be subject to the provisions of applicable NCAA transfer rules. (1/91)

(2) Nonqualifier Originally Enrolled at Conference Institution.

An individual who initially enrolled at a Conference institution as a recruited nonqualifier and who was not identified by the institution as being eligible for financial aid, practice, and competition (see ER 4-2), and who subsequently transfers directly or indirectly to another Conference institution remains permanently ineligible for practice, competition and athletically related financial aid. (2/98, 6/05)

(3) Intra-Conference Transfer Penalty Waiver.

The Council, upon petition by an institution on behalf of a non-exempted student, may provide relief from the residence and loss of eligibility requirements for the following student-athletes so that eligibility will be determined, at a minimum, by NCAA transfer rules: (1/91, 12/95, 6/99, 6/04, 8/13, 12/14, 2/17)

- (a) A recruited student-athlete (per NCAA 13.02.13.1) who received non-athletics institutional financial aid at the first Conference institution. (12/95)
- (b) A student-athlete whose petition is based at least in part on the nonrenewal of athletics or institutional financial aid by the first Conference institution. (12/95, 6/99)
- (c) A student-athlete who received athletics financial aid at the first institution and is enrolled as a graduate student at the second institution, provided the student-athlete is not receiving athletics aid from the second institution, and was not recruited (NCAA 13.02.13.1) by the second institution while at the first institution. (2/98)
- (d) A student-athlete whose request to receive relief from both the residence and loss of eligibility requirements is supported by the first Conference institution. (8/13, 2/17)
 - (i) In cases where the sending institution does not support relief from the loss of eligibility requirement, the Council may provide relief from the loss of eligibility requirement. In cases where the sending institution does not support relief from the residency requirement, the Council may not provide relief from the residency requirement and the student-athlete must serve an academic year in residence at the receiving Conference institution. (2/17)

If the institution from which the student-athlete is transferring does not support a reduction of the residence and/or eligibility requirements to their minimum levels, it shall inform the student-athlete in writing prior to the petition being presented to the Conference that he or she, upon request, shall

be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department. The institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request. (10/02, 12/14, 2/17)

(4) Intra-Conference Transfer Waivers.

NCAA transfer rule waivers and exceptions are not applicable to non-exempted intra-Conference transfers, except for those permitted under NCAA 14.5.5.2.6. All waivers of ER 4-3-b, except the dropped-sport exception of NCAA 14.5.5.2.6, must be granted through the Conference petition process. (5/77, 5/84, 1/91, 6/91, 12/91, 10/00)

c. Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Transfers.

If a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) student-athlete transfers within his/her primary conference (e.g., from Pac-12 institution to Pac-12 institution), that conference's intra-conference transfer rule shall apply. If a MPSF student-athlete transfers to an institution outside his/her primary conference (e.g., from Big West institution to Pac-12 institution), the NCAA's four-year college transfer rule shall apply. (6/93, 6/11)

d. Misconduct Transfer Policy.

Student-athletes who transfer to a Conference institution, but who are ineligible to re-enroll at any college or university that they attended within the last seven years for student behavior or academic misconduct reasons, will be automatically deemed ineligible to receive athletic aid and cannot be a participant on an NCAA intercollegiate team or participate in any team activities (competition, practice, strength & conditioning, off-season activities, etc.). This transfer limitation will apply as long as the student-athlete is ineligible to re-enroll at the previous college or university, and this rule applies whether the student is ineligible at the time of transfer or is later deemed ineligible by a prior institution. This transfer policy will apply to student misconduct issues only (e.g., assault, harassment, academic fraud and other violations of campus behavior conduct policies). This transfer policy does not apply to student-athletes that are ineligible to re-enroll based on academic performance reasons unrelated to misconduct (e.g., failure to maintain minimum GPA, failure to meet NCAA continuing eligibility requirements, etc.). (8/16)

Each Conference institution will require its student-athlete transfer applicants to self-disclose whether they are eligible to re-enroll at their prior institution(s). The Conference institution shall take appropriate action under this ER 4-3-d based upon the self-disclosure of the student-athlete transfer and upon any actual knowledge the institution may have concerning the student-athlete's ineligibility for readmission at a prior institution. (8/16)

(1) Appeals Process

Each Conference institution may create an appeal process for student-athletes who are deemed ineligible by this ER 4-3-d. The final determination of the appeal by the respective Conference institution will be final. (8/16)

4. Other Eligibility Rules.

Except as otherwise provided herein, each institution shall establish the academic rules under which its student-athletes may be eligible for intercollegiate athletic competition.

a. Conference Championship Eligibility.

Except in the sport of rowing, non-Conference members who compete for Conference Championships shall submit eligibility reports and NCAA Squad Lists to the Conference office to be audited. (6/86, 6/03)